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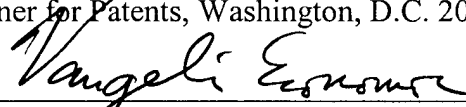
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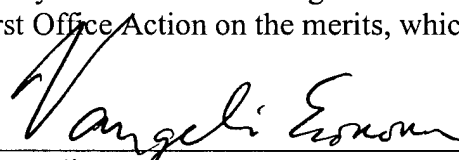
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Applicants submit herewith a copy of several foreign and one U.S. patent of which the applicants are aware, and which may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose under 37 CFR 1.56.

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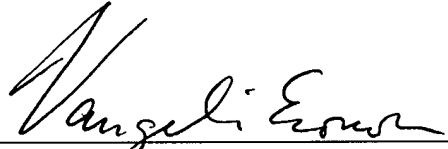
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